
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 77 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY KHAN, KIM, PROBST, CERRATO, FRANKEL, GREEN, SHUSTERMAN, SALISBURY, KINSEY, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, M. BROWN, HILL-EVANS, T. DAVIS, SCHLOSSBERG, PARKER, ROZZI, VENKAT, HANBIDGE, MATZIE, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, TAKAC, SAMUELSON, MAYES, NEILSON, MALAGARI, VITALI, BRENNAN, FREEMAN, HADDOCK, D. MILLER, BRIGGS AND BOROWSKI, APRIL 17, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, APRIL 17, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2023 as "Alzheimer's and Brain
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a form of dementia that
4 affects a person's behavior, cognitive function and memory and
5 can detrimentally impact the function of daily tasks; and

6 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive disease that
7 worsens over time and has no cure; and

8 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of
9 dementia and is prevalent in close to 80% of all cases; and

10 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease can cause a withdrawal from work
11 and social activities, leading to a prevalence in depression for
12 those with this disease; and

13 WHEREAS, More than 280,000 residents of this Commonwealth
14 were diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2020, and the
15 prevalence of this disease is set to increase significantly

1 within just the next two years; and

2 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease was the fifth-leading cause of
3 death for individuals 65 years of age and older and is a leading
4 cause for disability and morbidity in older adults; and

5 WHEREAS, Eighty-three percent of care provided to older
6 adults comes from family members who are unpaid; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2022, across the United States, an estimated 18
8 billion hours were spent by family members caring for their
9 loved ones which equates to \$339.5 billion in unpaid care; and

10 WHEREAS, Fifty-nine percent of unpaid family caregivers have
11 reported high emotional stress and have significantly more
12 financial and physical difficulties in comparison to caregivers
13 of people without dementia; and

14 WHEREAS, In order to meet the needs of Pennsylvanians with
15 Alzheimer's disease and other dementia illnesses, the health
16 care workforce serving older adults needs to expand rapidly and
17 training for those who care for individuals with dementia must
18 be strengthened; and

19 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is committed to supporting those
20 with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers; and

21 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives believes that a cure to
22 Alzheimer's disease is attainable within the next decade if
23 proper Federal, State and local resources are committed;
24 therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
26 month of June 2023 as "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month" in
27 Pennsylvania.